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**FIRST ARMY GROUP****NORTH KOREA****ABSTRACT**

1. This report locates and delineates the major army units subordinate to the North Korean First Army Group. The report is based on all photographic coverage from October 1972 to August 1973; it contains a location map, a photograph, and a table. The report combines point targets into area targets to provide more meaningful reporting.

**INTRODUCTION**

2. The North Korean First Army Group protects the security of the eastern sector of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and commands four infantry divisions (one held in reserve) and an infantry brigade. The units directly subordinate to the First Army Group (excluding the four infantry divisions and one infantry brigade)<sup>1-5</sup> include an army group headquarters area, a tank regiment, a rocket launcher brigade, a motorized infantry regiment, an engineer battalion, a vehicle repair battalion and a transportation battalion, an AAA battalion, an artillery regiment, miscellaneous infantry barracks areas, and a storage depot.

3. This report is the sixth in a series<sup>1-5</sup> designed to realign the boundaries of the existing basic encyclopedia (BE) point targets into BE target areas. The rearrangement of the BE boundaries has been coordinated with DIA and CIA analysts, and appropriate BE action has been taken by DIA. In the future, the entire First Army Group will be reported under the BE numbers now assigned to all of the headquarters areas: First Army Group [REDACTED], South-Central Infantry Division [REDACTED], Southeast Infantry Division [REDACTED], East Infantry Brigade [REDACTED], Southwest Infantry Division [REDACTED] and the Central Infantry Division [REDACTED]. The area nomenclatures (except for the First Army Group) and boundaries have been arbitrarily assigned for reporting purposes.

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4. Subsequent reports will follow, as time and manpower permit, on all divisions with the Fifth and the Second Army Groups. Supplemental reports will follow when significant changes are observed within the reported areas.

**BASIC DESCRIPTION**

5. The First Army Group (Figures 1 and 2), whose mission is to protect the eastern portion of the DMZ, is one of three army groups subordinate to the Army Command. This area appears to extend north to 39-08N 127-33E, west to 38-21N 127-33E, and east to the coast of the Sea of Japan. The adjacent defense sector to the west is occupied by the Fifth Army Group. Table 1 lists those units directly subordinate to the First Army Group, their geographic coordinates, and associated BE numbers.

**Hoeyang Army Bks A Hq Army Group**

6. This army group headquarters area (area A, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1) consists of one C-shaped headquarters building, five administration buildings (including one C-shaped, one O-shaped, one E-shaped), one modified H-shaped messhall, one auditorium, one L-shaped vehicle shed, two barracks, and ten support buildings.

**Kuum-ni Armor Training Area South**

7. This tank regiment consists of two areas (areas B and B1, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1). Area B, a tank battalion at 38-50-31N 127-52-15E, contains two administration buildings, 20 barracks, two messhalls, one auditorium under construction, 36 support buildings, four tunnel-served firing revetments with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance, a large tracked vehicle driver-training course, and numerous vehicle revetments. Area B1, a tank battalion at 38-54-35N 127-24-40E, contains 26 barracks, 15 quarters, two messhalls (one T-shaped), one L-shaped vehicle shed, ten support buildings, four tunnel-served firing revetments with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance, and a tracked vehicle driver-training course.

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**TOP SECRET RUFF**25X1  
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8. This rocket launcher brigade consists of four separate areas (areas C, C1, C2, C3, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1). Area C, a rocket launcher battalion at 38-41-40N 127-42-50E, consists of one administration building, 11 barracks (one under construction), 48 quarters (11 under construction), one messhall, eight vehicle sheds, and 11 support buildings. Area C1, at 38-34-18N 127-41-20E, a rocket launcher battalion collocated with a motorized infantry regiment (area D), contains one administration building, four barracks, one messhall, four support buildings, and four tunnel-served firing revetments with a reverse-slope tunnel entrance. Area C2, a rocket launcher battalion at 38-26-00N 127-40-15E, contains one administration building, four barracks, one messhall, three vehicle sheds, and four support buildings. Area C3, a rocket launcher battalion at 38-30-21N 127-59-05E, contains one administration building, four barracks, one messhall, seven support buildings, and four tunnel-served firing revetments.

**Sinansang-ni Army Bks A Armor Bn**

9. This motorized infantry regiment (area D, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1), is collocated with a rocket launcher battalion (area C1) and consists of one headquarters building, one administration building, 14 barracks, one messhall, one auditorium, and 12 support buildings.

**Kosan Storage Southeast**

10. This engineer battalion consists of two separate areas (areas E and E1, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1). Area E, an engineer battalion at 38-48-20N 127-32-45E, contains one administration building, ten barracks, one messhall, 27 quarters (four under construction), 11 vehicle sheds (one under construction), 23 support buildings, and two tunnel entrances (one protected by an earth-mounded blast shield). Area E1, a river crossing exercise area at 38-52-30N 127-26-40E, contains one administration building and 15 support buildings.

**Kuum-ni Army Bks A Stor Area**

11. This vehicle repair and transportation battalion consists of two separate areas (areas F and F1, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1). Area F, a vehicle repair battalion and a transportation battalion at 38-50-38N 127-29-40E, contains three administration buildings (two C-shaped), 103 quarters, three messhalls (two C-shaped), one auditorium, 11 vehicle sheds, five vehicle maintenance buildings (one large gable roofed), and approximately 150 support buildings. Area F1, a transportation unit at 38-32-47N 127-49-08E, contains one administration building, two barracks, one messhall, five vehicle sheds, and 17 support buildings.

**Kosan AAA Barracks Area South**

12. This AAA battalion consists of two separate areas (areas G and G1, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1). Area G, at 38-49-25N 127-25-45E, contains two administration buildings, seven barracks, two messhalls, one auditorium, six vehicle sheds, and 20 support buildings. Area G1, an AAA barracks and exercise area at 38-43-10N 127-52-35E, contains four administration buildings, three barracks, one T-shaped messhall, one auditorium, five vehicle sheds, six quarters, and 20 support buildings.

**Ogye-ri Hq Arty Regt Bks A Stor Area**

13. This extensive artillery regiment consists of five separate areas (areas H, H1, H2, H3, H4, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1). Area H, at 39-06-59N 127-35-28E, contains two administration buildings, 37 barracks, four messhalls, approximately 30 support buildings, five four-gun tunnel-served artillery batteries, and an artillery firing range with one range control building and numerous target runs. Area H1, at 30-56-25N 127-54-40E, contains two barracks, one messhall, and a four-gun tunnel-served artillery battery. Area H2, at 38-52-05N 127-53-50E, contains one barracks, one support building, and a four-gun tunnel-served artillery battery. Area H3, at 39-00-00N 128-05-40E, contains two barracks, four support buildings, and a four-gun tunnel-served artillery battery. Area H4, at 38-38-40N 127-59-45E, contains four administration buildings (one C-shaped), 16 barracks, three messhalls, one auditorium, 64 quarters (15 under construction), seven vehicle sheds, and numerous support buildings.

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## Ogye-ri Army Bks A Stor Area South

14. This infantry unit consists of two separate areas (areas I and I1, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1). Area I, at 39-05-05N 127-34-22E, contains five administration buildings, 27 barracks, four messhalls (one T-shaped), numerous support buildings, and an infantry mockup training area with a small-arms firing range. Area I1, at 38-51-50N 127-41-35E, contains one administration building, 21 barracks/quarters, one T-shaped messhall, 19 quarters, five support buildings, and a small-arms firing range.

## Kosan Army Supply Depot

15. This rail-served supply depot (area J, Figures 1 and 2 and Table 1) consists of one administration building, seven barracks, one T-shaped messhall, one auditorium, two vehicle sheds, two rail-to-road transfer points, numerous storage buildings, and open storage areas.

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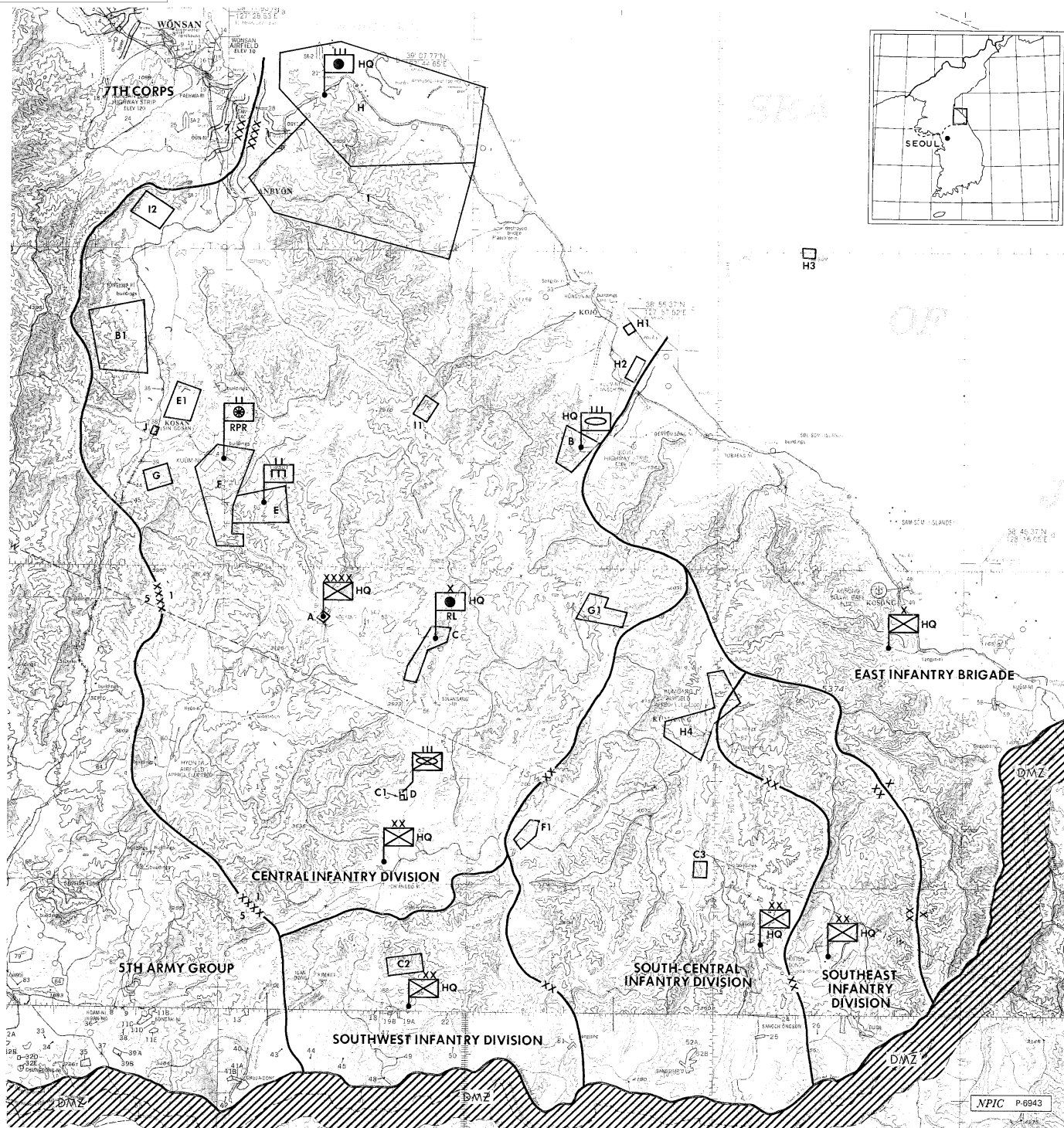


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF FIRST ARMY GROUP, NORTH KOREA

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Table 1. First Army Group, North Korea (Items keyed to Figures 1 and 2)

Area	Unit	Installation and BE	Coordinates
A	Army group hq	Hoeryang Army Bks A Hq Army Group	38-42-33N 127-35-54E
B	Tank regiment (two areas)	Kuam-ni Armor Trng Area South	38-50-31N 127-52-15E
C	Rocket lchr brigade (four areas)	Sinansang-ni Bks Area South	38-41-40N 127-42-50E
D	Motorized infantry regt	Sinansang-ni Army Bks A Armor Bn (collocated with 0380-02241)	38-34-18N 127-41-20E
E	Engineer battalion (two areas)	Kosan Storage Southeast	38-48-20N 127-32-45E
F	Vehicle repair battalion & transportation battalion (two areas)	Kuam-ni Armv Bks A Storage Area	38-50-38N 127-29-40E
G	AAA battalion (two areas)	Kosan AAA Bks Area South	38-49-25N 127-25-45E
H	Artillery regiment (five areas)	Opye-ni Hq Artv Rest Bks A Stor Area	39-06-59N 127-35-28E
I	Infantry barracks area (two areas)	Opye-ni Armv Bks A Stor Area South	39-05-05N 127-34-22E
J	Storage depot	Kosan Army Supply Depot	38-51-29N 127-25-41E

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